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1. PER REFAIR (C), PARA 10, THE FOLLOWING EVALUATION OF UN SPECIALIZED AGENCY PROGRAMS IN TURKEY IS PROVIDED TO SUPPLEMENT INFORMATION CONTAINED REFTEL (B) ON UNDP ACTIVITIES IN TURKEY.

2. UNDP AND UN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES PROVIDED APPROXIMATELY 70 PERCENT (US DOLLARS 9 MILLION IN 1977) OF ALL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY. UNDP SECOND COUNTRY
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PROGRAM FOR TURKEY (1978-82) HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE GOT AND EMPHASIZES: INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT; INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS; AND, CONTINUAL SUPPORT IN TRADITIONAL AID AREAS OF AGRICULTURE AND HEALTH.

3. UN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES WITH SIGNIFICANT PROGRAMS IN TURKEY INCLUDE: UNFPA (EXPANSION OF INTEGRATED MCH/FP

SERVICES IN RURAL/URBAN AREAS); WHO AND UNICEF (HEALTH MANPOWER, NUTRITION AND RELATED PROGRAMS); UNFDAC (MONITORING OF POPPY GROWING REGIONS); FAO (WOOD PRODUCTS AND OTHER SUB-SECTOR PROGRAMS); AND, WFP (CROP PRICE STABILIZATION AND FOOD-FOR WORK PROJECTS).

4. UN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, AS WELL AS UNDP, APPEAR TO COOPERATE CLOSELY WITH MFA AND GOT TECHNICAL MINISTRIES TO ENSURE THAT PROJECTS ARE ORIENTATED TO TURKISH PRIORITY NEEDS. A MEASURE OF THIS COOPERATION IS THAT GOT HAS AGREED TO PROVIDE COST-SHARING PAYMENTS IN SUPPORT OF INDIVIDUAL UN PROJECTS. (DURING 1977 THIS PAYMENT WILL BE APPROXIMATELY ONE-THIRD UN ASSISTANCE.) IN ADDITION, TURKEY PROVIDES VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNDP AND THE UN CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND.

5. RESREP, WHO IS ABLE AND WELL INFORMED, GIVES FULL APPEARANCE OF MAINTAINING ADEQUATE CONTROLS AS HEAD OF UN FAMILY IN TURKEY. EMBASSY AHS HEARD OF NO INSTANCE OF HIS FAILURE IN THIS RESPECT. TRIPARTITE REVIEWS AND EVALUATIONS OF ALL UNDP AND UN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES ARE TAKING PLACE. THESE REVIEWS INCLUDE PARTICIPATION BY RESREP, HIGH LEVEL GOT OFFICIALS, AND COOPERATING UN AGENCY (OFTEN WITH PARTICIPATION FROM AGENCY HEAD-QUARTERS).

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6. UN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IS CONCERNTRATED ON LONG-AND-SHORT-TERM EXPERT CONSULTATANCIES AND SIMILAR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. GOT USUALLY PROVIDES FOR ANY CAPITAL/INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT THAT MAY BE REQUIRED.

7. IN RECENT CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF, METIN KARACA, DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR MULTILATERAL ECONOMIC ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, CRITICIZED UNIDO PROGRAM IN TURKEY. KARACA SAID THAT PAYMENT OF SUBSCRIPTIONS BY SOVIET UNION AND EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES IN LOCAL NON-CONVERTIBLE CURRENCIES RESULTED IN REQUIREMENT THAT SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF UNIDO TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE BE ACQUIRED FROM THOSE COUNTRIES. TURKS CONSIDERED EASTERN BLOC OFFERINGS INFERIOR AND WOULD PREFER FREE CHOICE OF SOURCES.

8. OTHERWISE, UN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES APPEAR WELL INTEGRATED AND SUPPORTIVE OF UNDP PROGRAM AND REFTTEL (B) EVALUATION IS A VALID ASSESSMENT OF AOVERALL UN ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES IN TURKEY.
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